REMARKS

After amendment, there are Claims 1, 26-40. Claims 1, 26, and 36 are independent claims. Claims 27-36 are dependent on Claim 26, and Claims 37-40 depend from Claim 36.

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 are in the specification at page 20, first and second paragraphs. Support for Claim 27 is in the specification at page 20, first two paragraphs.

The claims have been amended and rewritten. The remaining Claim 1 has been amended to moot the Section 112 rejection.

Reconsideration of the phrase "and/or" as used in the new claims as respectfully solicited. This term should be acceptable in modern claim drafting practice. However, if there is an objection to it, applicants' attorney will rewrite the claims to avoid this.

The claims previously on file stood rejected under Section 102 in view of Raven Ref. G, and Section 103 on Raven in view of well-known technology.

Raven does not teach or describe electronic security transfer data. All of Raven's security is of the physical type; i.e., a box for keeping out intruders, and the

cabling or wiring from the gambling machine to a processor

within the confines of a casino where the proprietor has

physical control over persons tampering with the wiring or

cabling. There is no teaching of electronic protection of

the data being transmitted. An advantage of electronic

protection is that the gambling machines may be at several

remote locations not under the control of the gambling

operator; e.g., in bars, or in hotels or private homes

remotely located. Raven does not foresee the issue of

electronic security nor the solution.

Further, Raven does not have the gaming data kept in

parallel; i.e., in the chip card and at the same time in

the central processor. In one embodiment, ~~he does not have~~ *in applicants' invention data is* *in parallel*

~~it as~~ the game progresses. ~~[~~Data is transferred, in *In Raven is* *for each* *play as.*

contrast, only at the beginning or end of *a session* ~~the play~~. *RP* 1/11/01

Raven does not provide security through parallel data

collection at the CPU-database that is remote from the

gambling machines. Most of the verification in Raven is

done within the gambling machines. Thus, the overall

structure of applicants' system and Raven's system is

quite different.

In summary, applicants' structure and method are

different than Raven. Applicants' various embodiments has

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features not shown in Raven. For example, there is no

electronically secured communication between the gaming

machine and the central data processor; there is not a

parallel entry of data into the card and main computer;

and the features in the dependent claims of where the

security, encryption, and certification are located and

performed at the various structural points is also not in

Raven.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that in the

absence of more pertinent art, a Notice of Allowance is

solicited.

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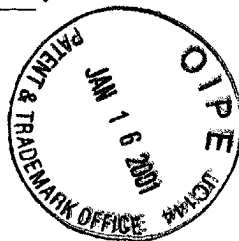
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